



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D C 20463

March 4, 1998

BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Timothy Hardy

Louisville, KY 40214

RE MUR 4012

Dear Mr Hardy

On February 10, 1998, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that you violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 441b, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by knowingly accepting excessive contributions from the Freedom's Heritage Forum and knowingly accepting prohibited corporate in-kind contributions from Toby Tours, Inc.

The Commission also decided to take no further action against the Hardy for Congress Committee and Bob Ross, as treasurer, and closed its file in this matter as it pertains to those respondents

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty

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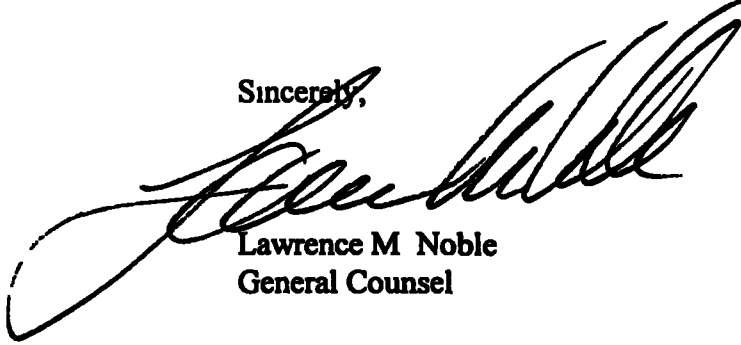
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If you have any questions or suggestions

please contact Dominique Dillenseger, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", written in a cursive style.

Lawrence M Noble
General Counsel

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